

The Tangled Web Trail is named for the overgrown tangle of grape vines, briars and berries growing over a section of the west Sugarloaf hill. It is an especially good place for bird watching. Merlin's Way is a short trail that connects the Sherwood Forest Trail to the Tangled Web Trail.

Photo by RWA photo contest winner Alec Blakey



The Sherwood Forest Trail has sugar maples that provide such a dense cover during the summer that little under-story grows here. As you walk along, you may be able to see up to 500 feet through the forest in this enchanted area. There is a long, steep climb on this trail as it ascends the west side of Sugarloaf. Raven's Trail is a short, steep trail that climbs over the top of the east Sugarloaf and provides a shortcut on the east leg of the Owl Trail.

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area got its scenic recreation area because its name many years ago because its two rounded hills resembled mounded loaves of brown sugar. Today, West Sugarloaf is covered with plantations of white pine and Norway spruce and has become a roosting area for wild turkeys. The Owl Trail has many old rotting tree trunks which are homes for many small forest animals such as screech owls and chipmunks. Look carefully and you may find an owl sleeping in the crook of an old tree.

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Recreation Area - PERMIT REQUIRED

Directions and Parking:

Sugarloaf's gated entrance and parking area is located on West Street. Take Foxon Road/North Branford Road (Route 80) to Country Road (aka West Street) near the North Branford town line to the left fork to West Street.

Permitted Activities:

This site is for passive use only – no mechanized vehicles. Hiking only. Dogs are not permitted.

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Sugarloaf



Regional
Water
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Recreation

Steep hills for intermediate and advanced
cross-country skiing
Good birdwatching

Guilford

Beaver Head Rd.

West St.

Gated Entrance

Parking Lot

Road impassable

Great Hill Rd.

Hemlock Ave.

to Route 77

to Route 80



Wilbur's Lane

Sugarloaf Trails

-  Owl Trail
-  Sherwood Forest Trail
-  Tangled Web Trail
-  Raven's Trail
-  Merlin's Way

Blaze Colors:
O=Orange, R=Red, W=White, Y=Yellow

Other Symbols/Features

-  Roads
-  RWA boundary

